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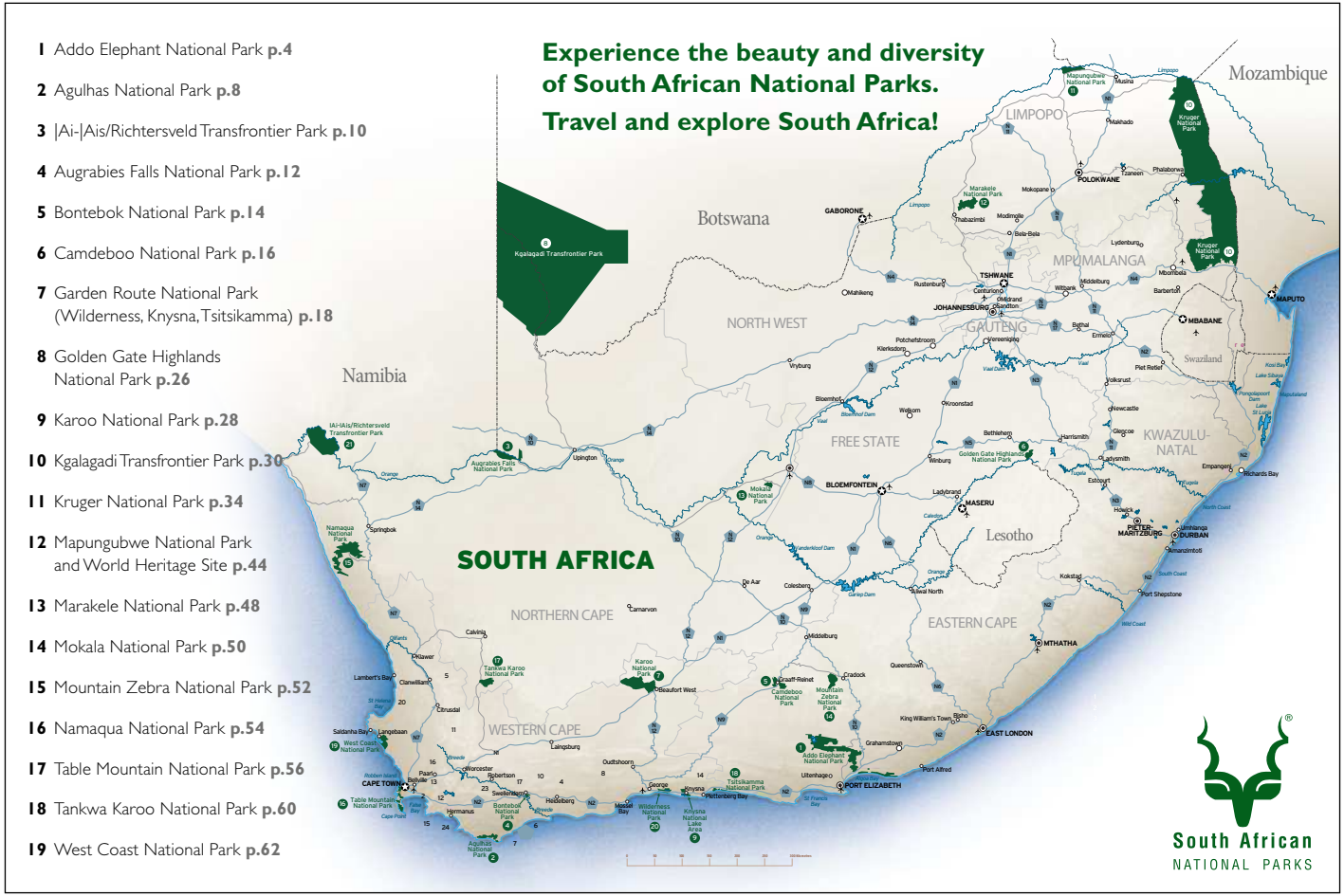
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Addo Elephant National Park

Background

The park was proclaimed in 1931 in order to protect the last remaining Eastern Cape elephants. At the time it was just 2 230 ha in size. Today this mega-park covers 180 000 ha and protects five diverse biomes including forest, subtropical thicket, grassland, fynbos and Nama Karoo. It is home to the Big Seven and protects the largest and least degraded coastal dunefield in the southern hemisphere.

Activities

- Guided game drives
- Guided horseback trails
- Self-drive game viewing
- Game viewing with Hop-on Guides
- Alexandria Hiking Trail (two days)
- Zuurberg Hiking Trails
- Wheelchair-friendly PPC Discovery Trail
- Swimming pool in Addo Main Camp (overnight visitors only)
- Birding and bird hides
- 4x4 trails

Travel / How to get there

Addo Elephant National Park is situated just 40 km from the city of Port Elizabeth. From JHB, take the N1 towards Colesberg, then take the N10 towards Cradock and Paterson and continue along the R342 to Addo. From Port Elizabeth, take the N2 for about 40 km to enter Matyholweni Gate or take the Motherwell off-ramp (after about 23 km) and follow the R335 to the left for about 52 km to enter at Addo Main Gate.

Special features / Things to seek

- Some of the best game viewing in the country
- Home to one of the densest African elephant populations on Earth
- The unique flightless dung beetle
- The largest coastal dune field in the southern hemisphere
- The only park in the world that is home to the Big Seven, namely the Big Five (elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, leopard) plus the great white shark and southern right whale in the marine section

Wildlife

Elephant
Buffalo
Lion
Kudu
Bushbuck

Birds

Ostrich
Secretary Bird
Forest Weaver
Martial Eagle
Denham's Bustard

Trees & Plants

Spekboom
Uitenhage aloe
Long-leaved cycad
Schotia trees
Coral tree

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/addo/

Accommodation

Addo Main Rest Camp

Addo Main Camp offers a variety of accommodation to suit various tastes and pockets, while in other sections of Addo, accommodation ranges from luxury lodges to basic bush camps. Accommodation in the main rest camp ranges from chalets, and forest cabins to rondavels, furnished safari tents, caravans and camping sites.

Two guest houses, Hapoor and Domkrag, overlook a floodlit waterhole and have two en-suite bedrooms with fully equipped kitchen, living room and air conditioning.

Facilities available at main camp include a swimming pool, shop, restaurant, bird hide, interpretive centre, floodlit waterhole, underground viewing hide and lapa. Game drives and horse trails depart from main camp daily.

Nyathi Rest Camp

Spectacular views over a pristine floodplain with the Zuurberg Mountain as a backdrop are the picture perfect images that welcome every guest to the four-star Nyathi Rest Camp. Units range from cosy two-sleeper cottages to six-bed family cottages. Each exceptionally well-appointed unit boasts its own private plunge pool and balcony overlooking the river and floodplain below. Nyathi is situated 14 km from Addo Main Camp.

Narina Bush Camp

For a secluded experience in a magical forest, spend some time at Narina Bush Camp. Situated at the foothills of the Zuurberg Mountains and on the banks of the Wit River, the camp can be booked by only one travelling party at a time and is booked as one unit. The bush camp houses four two-sleeper tents with a communal lapa, kitchen and ablution facilities (no electricity). This magical hideaway can be reached by car (27 km from Addo Main Camp) or down the mountain on horseback.

Spekboom Tented Camp

Spekboom Tents are located 12 km from Addo Main Camp in the fenced area of Spekboom Hide. Spend a night in the heart of the bush, listening to the sounds of the wild while gazing at the starry skies and enjoy being away from it all. There are five two-sleeper tents with communal kitchen and ablution facilities.

Matyholweni Rest Camp
This camp is situated south of Addo Main Camp, and has its own entrance just off the N2 near the town of Colchester. Nine two-sleeper chalets and six three-sleeper family chalets are available. Visitors staying here have direct access to the Addo Main Camp located on the newly built road connecting the two camps. Currently no cell phone reception available at this camp. Matyholweni is 39 km from Addo Main Camp.

Msintsi Watch Tower
This beautifully renovated lookout post can be found in the heart of the Woody Cape forests some 125 km from Addo Main Camp. The house offers a fully equipped kitchen, dining area and an upstairs, en-suite double bedroom that looks out over the indigenous forest.

Mvubu Campsite
Mvubu Campsite is situated on the banks of the Sundays River in the Kabouga section of the park. Set up camp in an open area wich has braai facilities and basic toilet and shower. Fishing is allowed at the camp but nowhere else on the river. This spot is ideal for guests using the 4x4 trail or for those who want a quiet camping experience. Mvubu camp is 40 km from Addo Main Camp, and is situated close to the town of Kirkwood.

Kabouga Guest House
This old farmhouse in the mountains of the Kabouga area can be found on the 4x4 route. It has two bedrooms, a lounge with open-plan kitchen (all gas equipment), a reservoir which is suitable for swimming and can sleep a maximum of six. Kabouga camp is 45 km from Addo Main Camp, and is situated close to the town of Kirkwood.

Agulhas National Park

Wildlife

65 mammal species

24 reptile species

15 amphibian species

Birds

230 species (11 are Red Data Species)

Plants/Trees

1 750 species (60 are Red Data Species)

Background

Agulhas National Park at the southernmost tip of Africa, official meeting place of the Atlantic and Indian oceans, is a place of rugged beauty with rich cultural and natural heritage. Many national monuments are found in the area, such as the historic Cape Agulhas Lighthouse, which has been in operation since 1849.

Special features / Things to seek

- The southernmost tip of Africa – where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet!
- The Cape Agulhas Lighthouse – inspired by the Pharos of Alexandria, a lighthouse of ancient Egypt. The Agulhas lighthouse is the oldest working one on the African continent.

Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation at Agulhas, some within close proximity to the sea and others further inland.

Agulhas Rest Camp

- **Agulhas Rest Camp** There are one and two bedroom self-catering chalets located near the sea with fully equipped kitchens.
- **Lagoon House** The Lagoon House has four bedrooms and is perfectly situated on the edge of the ocean providing magnificent sea views.
- **Rhenosterkop Guest Cottages** Situated 31 km from the lighthouse, Rhenosterkop has two cottages of two bedrooms each one wheelchair friendly cottage with one bedroom.
- **Bergplaas Guest House** This large family house has five bedrooms and is situated 36 km from the lighthouse.
- **Rietfontein Guest Cottages** Situated 60 km from the lighthouse, Rietfontein offers five one-bedroom cottages, of which one is a wheelchair-friendly cottage.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/agulhas/

Activities

- Visit the southernmost tip of Africa, the official position being S34°49'58" E20°00'12".
- Visit the unique Lighthouse Museum, the only one on the African continent.
- View the shipwreck and fish traps. See the remains of the tuna trawler, the *Meisho Maru 38*, and visit the Shipwreck Museum in Bredasdorp.
- Explore the fynbos on the Agulhas Plain with its great diversity of indigenous flora and unique vegetation such as limestone fynbos.
- Go swimming and angling. Fishing permits can be purchased from the Struisbaai Post Office at the Struisbaai Mall.
- Go birdwatching; the park has exceptional birdlife, including endangered avifauna such as the African Black Oystercatcher and the vulnerable Stanley's Bustard.
- Bird lovers will also enjoy congregating in large flocks on wetlands and in salt pans.
- Follow trails to experience the beautiful views, interesting birds, and our unique floral heritage.
- Enquire about the Rasperpunt Hiking Trail just to the west of Cape Agulhas.

Travel / How to get there

Cape Agulhas is approximately 230 km from Cape Town and 260 km from Mossel Bay. It can be accessed via the N2 route turning off at Caledon and taking the R316 through Napier to Bredasdorp when coming from Cape Town.

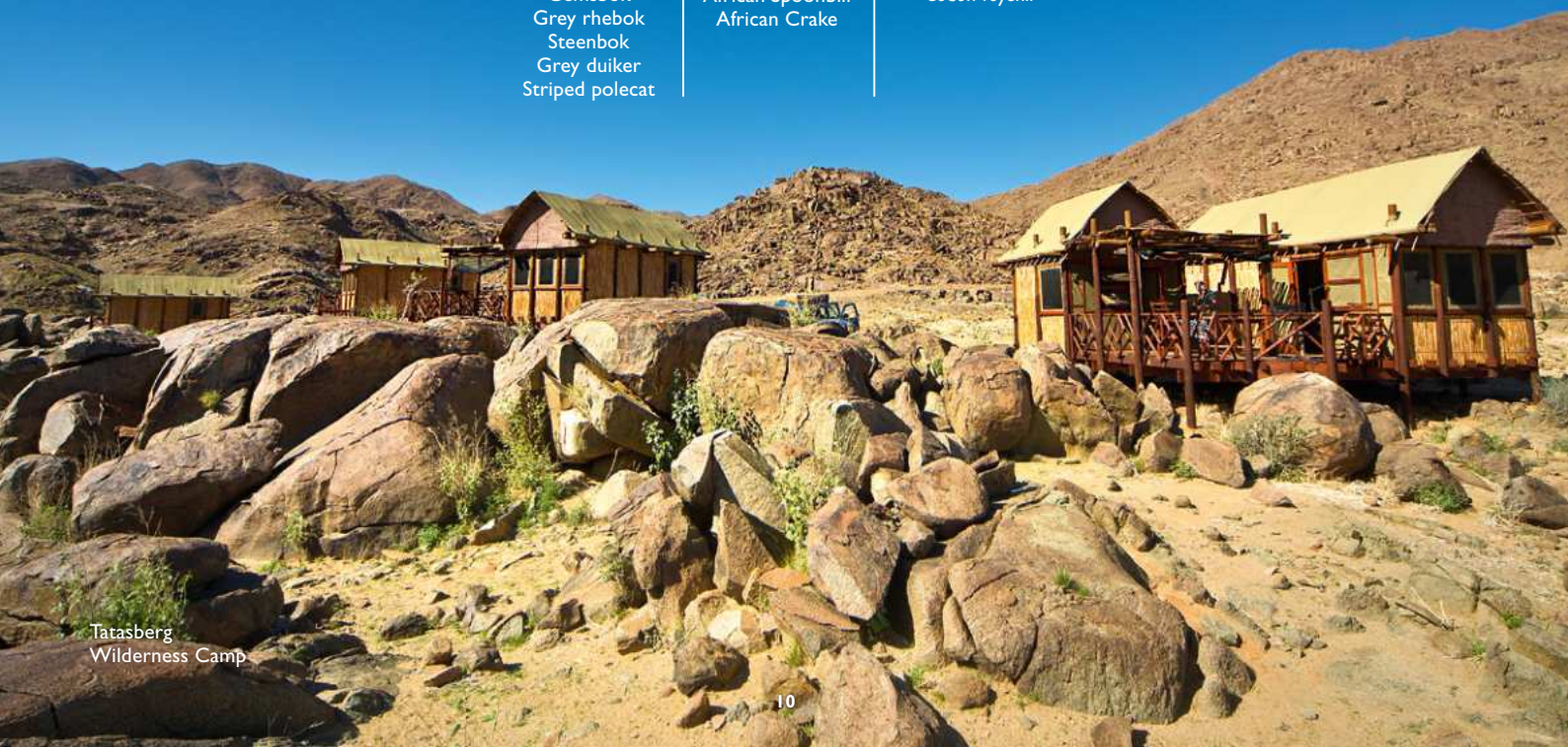
From the east, leave the N2 near Swellendam taking the R319 and pass through Bredasdorp to get to Cape Agulhas. The nearest towns are L'Agulhas and the fishing village of Struisbaai.

|Ai-|Ais/Richtersveld National Park

Wildlife
Porcupine
Ground squirrel
Caracal
Honey badger
Klipspringer
Gemsbok
Grey rhebok
Steenbok
Grey duiker
Striped polecat

Birds
Ostrich
Kori Bustard
African Fish Eagle
Hamerkop
Greater Flamingo
African Spoonbill
African Crake

Plants/Trees
Bastard quiver tree
Quiver tree
Halfmens plant
Prenia tetragona
Cleome foliosa
Codon royenii



Tatasberg
Wilderness Camp

Background

An international treaty, signed on 1 August 2003, incorporated the |Ai|Ais Hot Springs Game Park in Namibia and |Ai-|Ais/Richtersveld National Park in South Africa, resulting in the establishment of the |Ai |Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park. This is the largest mountain desert park of South Africa, and nurtures 30% of all South Africa's succulent plant species. One of the main features of the combined park is the world's second-largest canyon, the Fish River Canyon. At Sendelingsdrift, on the South African side, a pontoon has been established to ferry people and vehicles across the Orange River. Sendelingsdrift is a border post and entry to the Namibian side of the park (weather permitting, phone park).

Activities

- Birdwatching
- Guided trails
- Flyfishing (catch and release)
- Camping

Special features / Things to seek

- Rock hyrax
- Ground squirrel
- Jackal buzzard
- *Halfmens* plant
- Hartmann's mountain zebra

Travel / How to get there

The park can be reached via Springbok, from there follow the N7 to Steinkopf, Port Nolloth and Alexander Bay and then turn onto a gravel road leading to Sendelingsdrift/Reuning.

Sendelingsdrift Rest Camp

Accommodation

- **Sendelingsdrift Rest Camp** Sendelingsdrift is a port of entry for those travelling to and from Namibia using the pont when operational. There are 10 chalets and 12 campsites. The camp has a swimming pool but no restaurant or power.

- **Tatasberg Wilderness Camp** Tatasberg Wilderness Camp has four reed cabins. There is only solar lighting and a gas geyser.

- **Gannakouriep Wilderness Camp** Gannakouriep has four reed cabins. There is only solar lighting and a gas geyser.

CAMPSITES

These 4x4 campsites have no power and other commodity supplies:
DE HOOP – 12 sites with cold water ablutions
RICHTERSBERG – six sites with cold water ablutions
KOKERBOOMKLOOF – eight sites with dry toilets and no water, please bring your own water supply
POTJIESPRAM – 18 sites with cold water ablutions

- **Hiking Trails Bush Camp**

Situated in the panoramic Ganakouriep Valley, the camp accommodates nine people. Gas stoves, fridges and hot showers are available.
Hiking trails are closed unless a group is allocated a qualified guide.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/richtersveld/

Augrabies Falls National Park

Background

The park was initially proclaimed to conserve a small area of geological interest around the Augrabies Falls. It is the world's sixth largest waterfall, measuring 56 m in height, and its downstream gorge, which stretches over 20 km, offers breathtaking views.

The Khoi people called it Aukoerebis, or Place of Great Noise, as this powerful flow of water is unleashed from rocky surroundings characterised by the 18 abysses of the Orange River Gorge. The 57 000 ha park lies mainly south of the Orange River.

A new boardwalk offers the visitor a safe view of the falls, which are illuminated at night. Different platforms give fascinating views of the falls' magnificent gorge (wheelchair friendly).

Wildlife

Leopard
Hartmann's mountain zebra
Leopard tortoise
Giraffe

Birds

Black Stork
Verreaux's Eagle
Pygmy Falcon
Karoo Chat
Marico Sunbird

Trees & Plants

Quivertree
Camel thorn
Driedoring
Shepherd's tree

Travel / How to get there

Augrabies National Park is located 120 km west of Upington, a town that has national air links to all the major international airports in South Africa.

Accommodation

Main Rest Camp

There are 59 fully equipped, air-conditioned chalets (50 two-sleeper chalets and nine family cottages). Each unit has a sleeper couch to accommodate children under 12. Offers a shop, restaurant and three swimming pools for residents as well as one for day visitors.

Campsite

Caravan and camping sites lie in a shaded area; 40 sites with electrical points and 10 without. A maximum of six persons, one caravan/tent and one vehicle or one auto villa permitted per site. There is a communal camp kitchen with two-plated stoves and sink, communal ablution facilities, laundry and ironing room.

Oranjekom Gorge Cottage

This fully equipped unit is a romantic setting for two people. It is situated 10 km from the main rest camp.

Special features / Things to seek

- MOON ROCK Augrabies Falls' prominent landmark, which is a giant exfoliation dome or 'whaleback'. Hiking to the top, the visitor will see one of the best views of the park surroundings.
- ORANJEKOM & ARARAT Essential viewpoints to observe the massive gorge areas as well as the wildlife. Principal fauna to spot include the nesting Verreaux's (Black) Eagles, which prey on the abundant rock hyrax populations, and the Cape clawless otter.

Activities

- Klipspinger Hiking Trail (three-day, closed 15 October to 31 March)
- Gorge, Dassie and Ebony nature trails
- Birdwatching
- Game viewing in own vehicle
- Game drives (day, sunset and night)

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/augrabies/

Bontebok National Park

Wildlife
Grysbok
Cape mountain zebra
Red hartebeest
Caracal

Birds
Black Harrier
Blue Crane
Spur-winged Goose
Secretarybird

Trees & Plants
Restioids
Ericoids
Proteoids
Geophytes
Gladiolus

Background

Bontebok National Park, just outside the historic town of Swellendam, lies at the foot of the majestic Langeberg Mountains and is bordered by the winding Breede River. The park is home to over 200 bontebok and many other animals, including the Cape mountain zebra, red hartebeest and grey rhebok. Although the smallest of SA's 22 National Parks, it is by no means less diverse.

Special features / Things to seek

- Picnic and braai facilities on the banks of the Breede River
- Dedicated mountain-biking trails
- Hiking – there are three short trails
- Die Stroom Function and Braai Facility on the banks of the Breede River; equipped to cater for up to 50 people
- Denham's Bustard
- Cheese tasting in Swellendam
- The wine routes and historic buildings of Swellendam, Robertson, Montagu, Ashton and Bonnievale
- Sulina, the magical fairy garden in Swellendam
- The hot springs in Montagu

Travel / How to get there

Bontebok National Park is situated about 3 km from the picturesque and historic town of Swellendam, 240 km from Cape Town. The park's entrance is about 600 m off the N2.

Accommodation

- **Lang Elsies's Kraal Rest Camp**

Situated close to the banks of the Breede River, these 10 fully equipped wooden chalets comprise an open plan room with kitchen nook, sleeper couch and double/twin beds, bathroom with shower and an outside deck area with built-in braai. Additional four family units available: equipped with open plan kitchen including lounge area, two bedrooms and bathroom with shower. The units are equipped with DStv and air-conditioning.

It's not unusual to find a tortoise at your doorstep or bontebok grazing at the river. Besides the chalets, the rest camp caters for 30 caravan and campsites. The campsites allow a maximum of six people per site. Not all have power points.

- **Bontebok Riverside Camp**

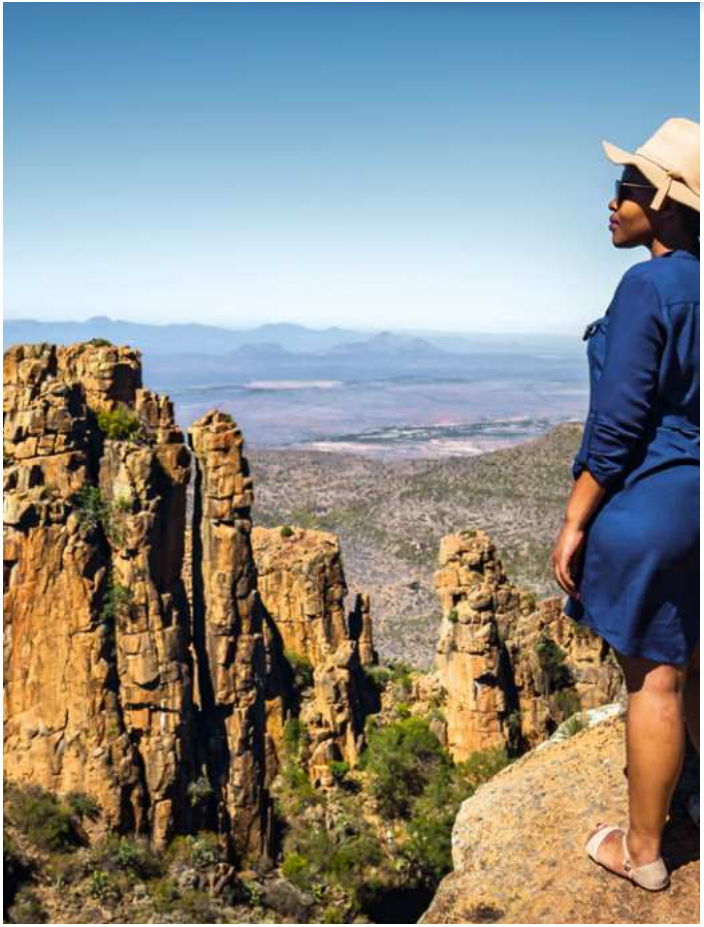
The popular Riverside Campsite has no power and is open between November and April. A maximum of six persons per site and no caravans permitted on the site.

Activities

- Game viewing from your own vehicle along a circular route (dirt roads) which includes three viewpoints with wonderful views of the park and the Breede River
- Birding
- Nature-hiking trails
- Angling (licence available from reception)
- Canoeing / kayaking (own equipment)
- Mountain biking

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/bontebok/

Camdeboo National Park



Wildlife
Buffalo
Springbok
Blesbok
Black wildebeest
Kudu

Birds
Pale Chanting Goshawk
Namaqua Dove
Diederik Cuckoo
Speckled Mousebird
Brown-hooded Kingfisher

Trees & Plants
Karoo gold
Karooviooltjie
Sweet thorn tree
Karoo bush
Mountain aloe

Background

Camdeboo National Park provides the visitor with insights into the unique landscape of the Karoo. It was proclaimed as South Africa's 22nd National Park in October 2005, following an extensive process of negotiation and discussion between government, conservation groups, and concerned stakeholders. Elevation to national park status was made possible by the World Wide Fund for Nature in South Africa (WWF-SA), which donated 14 500 ha to the project. The park now covers over 19 000 ha.

Activities

- Hiking trails
- Fishing and water sports
- 4x4 trails
- Picnic sites
- Bird watching
- Self-drive game viewing

Travel / How to get there

Camdeboo National Park is situated 4 km from the town of Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape. It can be accessed from the N9 highway through Middelburg or from Port Elizabeth via the R63.

Accommodation

Both the tented camp and campsites are located in the park's game-viewing area, completely immersing guests in the surrounding bush. From here visitors can experience close-up sightings of various antelope, including springbok and red hartebeest, as well as smaller mammals such as the black-backed jackal.

- **Lakeview Tented Camp**

As its name suggests, this tented camp is located on the floodplains of the Nqweba Dam. The camp offers four rustic tents, each perched on its own wooden deck and hidden among the trees.

- **Nqweba Campsite**

Fifteen secluded caravan or tent sites are neatly situated beneath lush thorn trees with each allocation defined by a well-maintained gravelled area. Each site has a braai unit, picnic table, light and power point.

- **Winterhoek Guest House**

Situated within the Valley of Desolation section, Winterhoek cottage was built in 1820 and has recently been restored to its former glory. The cottage is a self-catering dream-stay with exquisite period furniture and modern appliances for convenience.

Special features / Things to seek

- The Valley of Desolation, sometimes referred to as the Cathedral of the Mountains, features magnificent dolerite pillars which rise up to heights of 90–120 m, providing visitors with awe-inspiring panoramic views and an unforgettable experience.
- The game-viewing area is home to buffalo and a variety of antelope species such as gemsbok and wildebeest.
- Birdlife flourishes around Nqweba Dam and watersports, such as fishing, are permitted here.
- The Camdeboo Education Centre provides facilities for visiting school groups and overnight educational programmes. It is also available for team building.

For more information on this park,
visit www.sanparks.org/parks/camdeboo/

GARDEN ROUTE

INCORPORATING WILDERNESS, KNYSNA AND TSITSIKAMMA

NATIONAL PARK

Garden Route National Park – Wilderness

Background

The Wilderness area of the Garden Route National Park protects a fascinating combination of rivers, lakes, estuaries and beaches, unfolding against the backdrop of lush forests and imposing mountains. There are also a number of historic sites of archaeological significance. Wilderness National Park was proclaimed in 1983 and became part of the Garden Route National Park in March 2009.

Accommodation

Ebb & Flow Rest Camp The rest camp offers family cottages, log cottages, forest cabins and rondavels. Family cottages have two bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, plus indoor and outdoor fireplaces, DStv and a fully equipped kitchen. Log cottages are situated on stilts along the banks of the Serpentine channel and floodplain and have two bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a well-situated balcony overlooking the beautiful wetland and far-off forest. Budget friendly forest cabins and rondavels are situated on the banks of the Touw River and are well equipped. Campers are spoilt for choice with many campsites situated right along the river, most sites have power points.

Activities

- Canoeing
- Day trails
- Woodville Big Tree
- Segway tours
- Scootours
- Wilderness river safaris
- Fishing and boating
- MTB routes
- Wilderness Beach
- Goudveld forest walks
- Seven-day Outeniqua Trail
- Bird hides

Special features / Things to seek

- The Half-collared Kingfisher Trail up the Touw River
- Various kingfisher species
- Woodville Big Tree and short walk
- Three bird hides can be found nestled along the banks of the various lakes and estuaries – a birder's dream
- Dalene Matthee Memorial and Big Tree
- Circles in the Forest Hike
- Island Lake picnic spot
- Jubilee Creek picnic spot
- Krisjan se Nek picnic spot

Wildlife

Caracal
Honey badger
Blue duiker
Cape porcupine
Forest shrew

Birds

Five kingfisher species:
Giant, Half-collared
Brown-hooded,
Pied and
Malachite Kingfisher

Trees & Plants

Real yellowwood
Cape beech
Kamassi
Cape holly
Forest elder

Travel / How to get there

Wilderness is situated close to the N2 highway just 15 km from George. It is 410 km from Port Elizabeth and 450 km from Cape Town. The closest airport is in George, where car hire facilities are available.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/

Garden Route National Park – Knysna

Background

The Knysna National Lake Area was proclaimed in December 1985 in order to protect the Knysna Estuary and its salt marshes. Twenty years later, in 2005, the Lakes Area Development Act was de-proclaimed and the Knysna Estuary was proclaimed as a Protected Environment in terms of the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act. The Knysna Estuary is regarded as the most important estuary in South Africa in terms of its biodiversity and functionality. It is classified as an estuarine bay, and is the only one of its kind in South Africa. The Knysna Forest is world-famous for its magical beauty, dark and mystical retreats and giant Outeniqua Yellowwoods, some of which are more than 1 000 years old. Both the estuary and forest areas were incorporated into the Garden Route National Park in March 2009.

Accommodation

- **Diepwalle Forest Camping Decks** These decks each accommodate a three-man tent, with braai and dining areas, and have electric points. Tents and mattresses are available to rent from the Diepwalle Forest Office. Communal ablutions have hot showers. Visitors have access to a communal fridge, washing machine and tumble dryer. Firewood is available for purchase at the Forest Office.

- **Harkerville Forest Tree Top Chalet** This four-star chalet has two double rooms, each with its own bathroom, and sleeps four in comfort. This magical hideaway is tucked away at the head of a wide valley situated in the Harkerville Forest. Fully appointed with indoor and outdoor fireplace, dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer, DStv and telephone.

Activities

- Outeniqua Hiking Trail
- Harkerville Coastal Trail
- Forest walks
- Fynbos walks
- Day hikes
- MTB trails
- Birdwatching
- Sailing
- Fishing
- Waterskiing

Special features / Things to seek

- Stop off at the Garden of Eden, situated just off the N2 between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay and take a short, refreshing walk through the forest.
- View the Knysna seahorse at the Knysna Lakes office on Thesen Island.
- Visit the Forest Legends Museum in Diepwalle Forest, which houses the famous Knysna elephant skeleton and shares some of the forest's best-kept secrets.
- Listen out for the unmistakable call of the famous Knysna Turaco (*Tauraco corythaix*).
- Do the Rooted In Time Self-Drive Cultural Route through the forest and view historical relics that featured in author Dalene Matthee's forest books.
- Take a forest walk and look out for the elusive Knysna dwarf chameleon.
- Kranshoek Viewpoint and Picnic Site may be the best lookout point on the southern Cape coast. It offers visitors cliff-top views of the coast and a warm, sheltered picnic site.

Wildlife

Knysna elephant
Knysna seahorse
Knysna dwarf chameleon
Honey badger
Leopard

Birds

Knysna Turaco
African Fish Eagle
African Black Oystercatcher
Marsh Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper

Plants/Trees

Outeniqua yellowwood
Ironwood
Cape holly
White pear
Assegai tree

Travel / How to get there

The park lies on the scenic Garden Route, 500 km from Cape Town and 300 km from Port Elizabeth. Rental facilities and a national airport are located at George, around 70 km from Knysna.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route

Garden Route National Park – Tsitsikamma

Wildlife
Cape clawless otter
Dolphins
Leopard
African wild cat
Blue duiker

Birds
African Black Oystercatcher
Forest Buzzard
Knysna Turaco
Red-eyed Dove
Pied Kingfisher

Trees & Plants
Outeniqua yellowwood
Real yellowwood
Sagewood
Cape ivy
Verfblommetjie

Background

The Tsitsikamma area of the Garden Route National Park protects a wonderland of intertidal and marine life. Its shores are home to the well-known Otter Trail and its coastal forests house one of the biggest Outeniqua yellowwood trees in South Africa, the Tsitsikamma Big Tree. The Tsitsikamma area has one of the largest single unit Marine Protected Areas (MPA) in the world. It was proclaimed Tsitsikamma National Park in 1964 as the first marine national park in Africa and became part of the Garden Route National Park in March 2009.

Special features / Things to seek

- Undoubtedly the best known and most popular of South African hiking trails, the five-day Otter trail ranks alongside the best trails in the world. The trail follows the spectacular Tsitsikamma coastline over 45 km from Storms River Mouth to Nature's Valley Rest Camp.
- A must-do activity for any visitor is the Mouth Trail which takes visitors along a winding path through the forest to the mouth of the Storms River where suspension bridges spanning 77 m hang over the red-brown waters of the Storms River Mouth.
- Imagine the beauty of the famous Otter Trail, but overnighting in luxury and without the heavy backpacks. The Dolphin Trail offers four days of unspoilt beauty hiking the magnificent Tsitsikamma coast, with three nights in luxury lodges enjoying exquisite cuisine, well-trained local guides and a 4x4 drive through the pass.
- Take a trip up the Storms River Gorge on the *Spirit of Tsitsikamma* and experience the beauty of this majestic gorge first-hand.
- Bask in the sun at the Storms River Mouth beach, located right in the heart of the rest camp close to the shop and restaurant.
- Explore one of four day-trails located in Storms River Mouth Rest Camp.
- Opt for a guided outing with eco-guides from local communities.
- Choose from five diver's trails all located around the Nature's Valley Rest Camp.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/

Activities

- The Otter Trail
- The Dolphin Trail
- Day hikes
- Kloofing
- 4x4 trails
- MTB trails
- Boat rides
- Snorkelling
- Scuba diving
- Sea kayaking
- Tree Top Canopy Tours

Accommodation

- **Storms River Mouth Rest Camp** Nestled between the wild coastline and pristine coastal forests, the Storms River Mouth Rest Camp offers visitors a choice between forest huts, forest cabins, chalets, oceanettes, family cottages, two guest houses and two honeymoon cottages.

  Camping and caravan sites have spectacular sea views and most have power points. Communal ablutions, kitchen and laundry facilities are just a short walk away in the fresh sea breeze. The rest camp has a natural swimming pool, shop and restaurant.

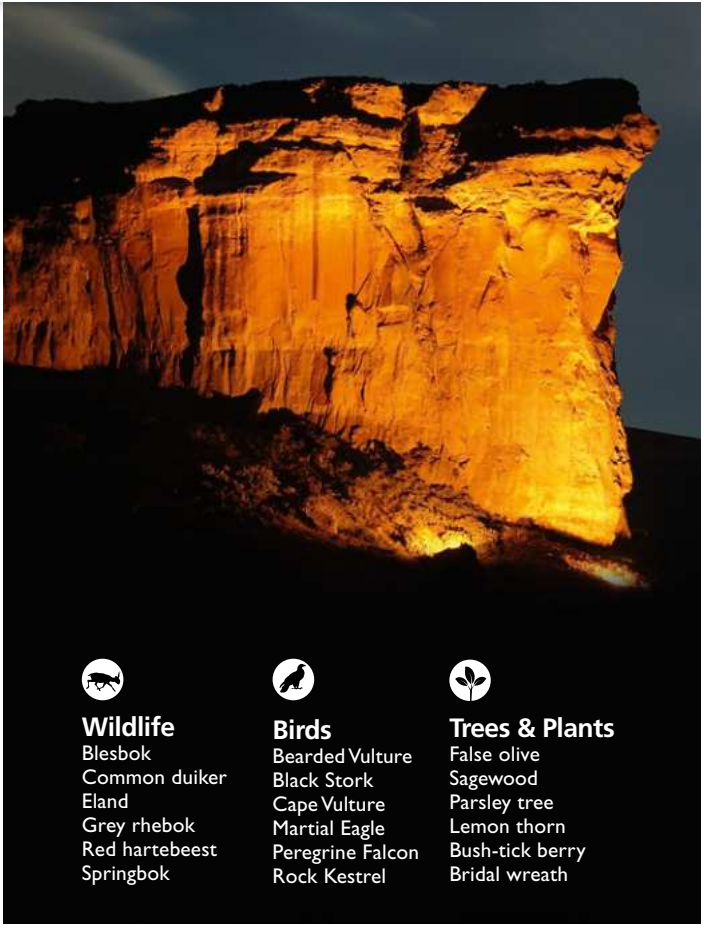
- **Nature's Valley Rest Camp** Perfect for hikers, backpackers and campers, this rest camp serves as the end point of the mighty five-day Otter Trail. It is situated in the quiet coastal town of Nature's Valley and offers visitors a tranquil setting with plenty of activities close by.

  There are two four-sleeper chalets and 10 two-sleeper forest huts with communal kitchen and ablution facilities. Camping and caravan sites are located in and among the trees and offer many secluded spots.

Travel / How to get there

The park is situated about 615 km Cape Town. Port Elizabeth and Plettenberg Bay are 195 km and 68 km from the park respectively and have airports and car rental services. All the roads in the park are tarred and well maintained.

Golden Gate Highlands National Park



Wildlife
Blesbok
Common duiker
Eland
Grey rhebok
Red hartebeest
Springbok

Birds
Bearded Vulture
Black Stork
Cape Vulture
Martial Eagle
Peregrine Falcon
Rock Kestrel

Trees & Plants
False olive
Sagewood
Parsley tree
Lemon thorn
Bush-tick berry
Bridal wreath

Background

An initial core area of 1 792 ha, which included the farms Glen Reenen, Wodehouse and Melsetter, was proclaimed as the Golden Gate Highlands National Park on 13 September 1963. That same year, the Glen Reenen Rest Camp was developed by utilising an old farm building as tourist accommodation.

Special features / Things to seek

- The Van Reenen family graveyard
- Vulture restaurant
- Cathedral Cave (guided walk)
- Spectacular lookout points and viewpoints such as Zuluhoek lookout point; Generaalskop viewpoint, the third-highest point in the park; Oribi basin and Drakensberg views.

Activities

- Rhebok Hiking Trail and short nature trails
- Guided horse trails
- Guided canoeing
- Swimming in rock pool
- Guided abseiling
- Holiday programmes are conducted during the April and December holidays
- Cultural tour at Basotho Cultural Village

Travel / How to get there

- Equidistant from Johannesburg, Durban and Bloemfontein
- Easily accessible via excellent tarred road
- Public road runs through the park
- Roads in the park are tarred

Accommodation

Glen Reenen Rest Camp

Guests can choose from rondavels, longdavels and guest cottages that can accommodate two or four persons. All units have a fully equipped kitchen and braai facilities. Camping and caravan sites with and without power points are available across the road from the camp in the alluring shaded grounds. Communal ablution and barbeque facilities are provided, as well as a scullery. A maximum of six persons, one caravan/tent and one vehicle or one auto villa is permitted per site.

Golden Gate Hotel and Chalets

Golden Gate Hotel and Chalets offer visitors a wide range of services and facilities. The three-star hotel offers full-service and adjacent chalets have fully equipped self-catering facilities. A restaurant, sports bar, lounge, curio shop, conferencing and banqueting venues are available for guests.

Highlands Mountain Retreat

The camp is situated 2 200 m above sea level. It has four log cabins with a double bed and a sleeper couch in the lounge area. The other four cabins have two bedrooms: one with a double bed and the other with two single beds. All cabins have a fully equipped kitchen and a fireplace.

Basotho Cultural Village

The Basotho Cultural Village is a cultural jewel of the Free State. It is located about 14 km from the Golden Gate Hotel. The rest camp has two- and four-sleeper self-catering rondavels with stunning views of the mountains.

Noord Brabant Farmhouse

This rustic farmhouse that sleeps six people is located 6 km from Glen Reenen. The large family house has a fully equipped kitchen, lounge/dining room, fireplace, and two bedrooms, one with a double bed and one with three single beds. There is a sleeper couch in the lounge area.

Wilgenhof Environmental Education Centre

The centre is ideal for use by youth or school groups. It can accommodate 92 people and has a large hall and kitchen to prepare meals. Visitors to bring own bedding.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/golden_gate/

Karoo National Park

Wildlife
Lion
Klipspringer
Eland
Gemsbok
African wild cat

Birds
Red-eyed Bulbul
Cape Robin-chat
Layard's Tit-babbler
Dusky Sunbird
Redheaded Finch

Trees & Plants
Karoo succulent
Dwarf shrublands
Riparian thicket
Acacia sweet thorn
Karoo gold

Background

After considering a number of suitable areas, South African National Parks chose the vicinity of Beaufort West to establish a national park that would be representative of the Nama Karoo Biome. In a gesture of support, the Town Council of Beaufort West donated 7 209 ha of communal land northwest of the town. Karoo National Park was proclaimed in 1979; today the park covers approximately 90 000 ha.

Special features / Things to seek

- Dramatic landscapes and utter tranquillity of the Karoo.
- Karoo National Park welcomed the arrival of lions in 2010 after an absence of 170 years. These lions have become the first wild, free ranging lions in the Great Karoo.
- Verraux's (Black) Eagle breeding pairs occur in the park.
- Tortoises – the park is home to five different species, the highest density of species per equivalent area anywhere in the world.
- Springbok are protected in the park and are a reminder of the once massive herds that crossed the Karoo on annual migrations that could stretch for several kilometres.
- The Klipspringer Mountain Pass, a testament to civil engineering toil and precision, provides visitors with spectacular mountain views.

Travel / How to get there

Lying just outside Beaufort West, the park is a convenient stopover on the N1 route between Cape Town and the interior of the country. Cape Town is situated about 500 km south of the park, Johannesburg is about 1000 km north.

Accommodation

Main Rest Camp
The camp has comfortable Cape Dutch-style chalets, cottages and family cottages that provide visitors with self-catering accommodation, all with stunning panoramic views of the park's Karoo landscapes. All units have braai facilities and air-conditioners. All accommodation is self-catering; however, breakfast is included in the price of the accommodation and is served daily in the restaurant. Camp facilities include a restaurant, shop, swimming pool, conference centre, interpretive centre, fossil trail and bird hide.

Karoo Campsite
The award-winning camping and caravan site is situated just a few minutes' drive out of the main rest camp. All sites have power points; guests share communal kitchen and ablution facilities.

Embizweni Cottage
This cottage is situated on the Nuweveld 4x4 Eco-Route and is strictly accessible by 4x4. The cottage sleeps six people and has a fully equipped kitchen with solar powered lights, gas appliances and hot water.

Afsaal Cottage
Also situated on the Nuweveld 4x4 Eco-Route, this rugged old shepherd's hut has since been renovated and sleeps four. A well-lit waterhole is situated just outside the unit providing 24-hour game viewing from the comfort of the porch. The unit is equipped with solar power for lights and uses gas for the geyser and cooking facilities.

Activities

- Guided game drives
- Self-drive game viewing
- Guided walks
- Fossil Trail (wheelchair-friendly)
- Two 4x4 trails
- Interpretive centre
- Bulkraal Picnic site and swimming pool
- Doornhoek picnic site on the Potlekkertjie Loop

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/karoo/

Background

On 7 April 1999, a treaty was signed that would link the Gemsbok National Park and the Kalahari Gemsbok National Park under one unifying name – the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. It was officially opened on 12 May 2000 as the first formally declared transfrontier park in Africa. The Kalahari Gemsbok National Park was subsequently named the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Special features / Things to seek

- Gemsbok – these large striking desert antelope are the emblem of the park.
- Suricate (meerkat) – these hyperactive little omnivores have wonderfully intricate social structures.
- Black-maned Kalahari lions – physically impressive, they are the kings of the Kalahari Desert.

Accommodation

The park has three traditional and six wilderness camps.

TRADITIONAL CAMPS

Twee Rivieren

This is the administrative centre and the biggest rest camp. It has chalets, cottages and family cottages that sleep up to six people. Other facilities include a restaurant, shop, fuel station, swimming pool, information centre and border control. The camping and caravan site has stands with power points and others without. There is a communal kitchen and ablution facility.

Nossob

Centrally situated and best positioned as the departure point to explore the vast Botswana side of the park. The camp has chalets, guest houses and family cottages that sleep up to six guests. The camp also has a shop, swimming pool and a fuel station. All camping sites have power points and communal kitchen and ablution facilities.

Mata Mata

Situated on the Namibian border and also a border post. The use of this crossing is subject to sleeping two nights in the park. The camp has chalets and family chalets that can accommodate up to six guests. The camp also has a shop, swimming pool and fuel station. All camping sites have power points, communal kitchen and ablution facilities.

WILDERNESS CAMPS

The six unfenced wilderness camps have special views and are located in different habitats. Each unit in the wilderness camp has its own bathroom, bedroom and a fully equipped kitchen with utensils, cutlery and fridge/freezer. All utilise solar lights and have no conventional plugs.

- **Kalahari Tented Camp**
The largest of the wilderness camps consists of fully equipped desert tents and family desert tents that can accommodate up to four persons.

The camp has a swimming pool. Fuel and shop are available at Mata Mata just 3 km away.

- **Kieliekrankie**
Perched on the highest Kalahari dune, it has four two-sleeper cabins.

- **Urikaruus**
This lofted camp is located among the trees on the banks of Auob River, with four two-sleeper cabins.

- **Bitterpan**
It overlooks a huge pan and is accessible only by 4x4 vehicles. It has four two-sleeper cabins and a fully equipped communal kitchen.

- **Gharagab**
Situated close to Union's End this site is accessible only by 4x4 vehicles. It has four two-sleeper cabins.

- **Grootkolk**
The most northerly situated camp, close to a waterhole. It has four two-sleeper cabins.

- **!Xaus Lodge**
This luxury 24-bed community lodge is located in the heritage land of the Mier and Khomani San.

- **On Botswana side of the park**
Camping is available at Polentswa, Rooiputs, Two Rivers and in Mabuasehube. A 4x4 vehicle is necessary to access the Botswana side of the park.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/kgalagadi/

Activities

- Lectures, slide shows and holiday programmes are organised from the information centre at Twee Rivieren (inquire at reception).
- Game drives are offered at Mata Mata, Nossob and Twee Rivieren.
- 4x4 trails (self-guided Botswana from South Africa tel: +267 686 1265)
- Guided three-night 4x4 Eco-Trail (Nossob Trail, book at reception)
- Leeuwdril short self-guided 4x4 trail
- !Xerry Wilderness Hiking Trail named after the diminutive steenbok. It departs from Nossob every Wednesday from April to October, returning on Friday. The trail is a self-catered guided experience where the hikers provide their own food, tents and water. This trail is bookable from the camps' reception (Twee Rivieren and Nossob). An armed and experienced guide will be in attendance to unlock the secrets of the Kalahari.

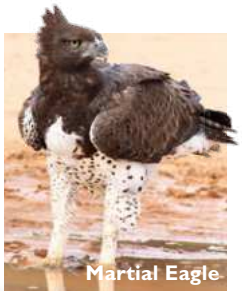
Please note: A gate quota of 20 vehicles per day is applicable at the Twee Rivieren Entry Gate. Day visitors are requested to pre-book at reception or central reservations to avoid disappointment.

Wildlife

Blue wildebeest
Brown hyena
Cheetah
Bat-eared fox
Gemsbok
Leopard
Giraffe

Birds

Bateleur
Pale Chanting Goshawk
Martial Eagle
Tawny Eagle
Gabar Goshawk
Pygmy Falcon
Greater Kestrel


Martial Eagle

Travel / How to get there

The park is suited approximately 260 km from Upington and 904 km from Johannesburg.

Light aircrafts may land at Twee Rivieren if prior permission is obtained from the park manager.

Rental cars can be booked in advance at Twee Rivieren.

KRUGER

NATIONAL PARK

Background

A natural paradise teeming with wildlife, the Kruger National Park is the ultimate destination for the tourist seeking indigenous flora, fertile valleys, subtropical Lowveld vegetation and a diversity of habitat and wildlife.

Kruger was established in 1898 as the Sabie Game Reserve and proclaimed a national park in 1926, making it the oldest national park in South Africa. Rich in biodiversity, the park stretches for 350 km from south to north along the Mozambican border to where South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe meet at the infamous Crooks' Corner.

Together with Mozambique's Limpopo National Park and Zimbabwe's Gonarezhou, Kruger now also forms part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, a unique political innovation that has created a colossal wilderness area. Over one million visitors per year flock to Kruger to experience close encounters with wildlife in a natural unfenced environment. Some visitors go there to relax while others want to experience nature in a more spiritual way.

This jewel in the crown of SANParks is truly all things to all people and the natural heritage of all South Africans.

Special features / Things to seek

- Kruger conserves not only natural, but also cultural heritage. There are almost 254 known cultural heritage sites in the Kruger National Park, including nearly 130 recorded rock art sites.
- Cultural artefacts of Stone Age man have been found for the period 100 000 to 300 000 years ago and more than 300 archaeological sites, with significant archaeological ruins at Thulamela and Masorini, have been found to date.
- The Big Five: buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino
- Birding Big Six: Ground Hornbill, Kori Bustard, Lappet-faced Vulture, Martial Eagle, Pel's Fishing Owl and Saddle-billed Stork
- Five Trees: baobab, fever tree, knob thorn, marula, mopane
- Natural/cultural features: Letaba Elephant Museum, Jock of the Bushveld Route, Albasini Ruins, Masorini Ruins, Stevenson Hamilton Memorial Library, Thulamela

Seasons

- The region's subtropical climate features hot, generally rainy, October to March summers and extremely pleasant April to September winters, with warm dry days and cold nights. Traditionally, the best game viewing is in winter.
- During the wet season, animals are more widely distributed throughout the park due to plentiful natural water sources, such as pans and flowing rivers, that makes them less restricted to artificial water points closer to roads.

Wildlife

- Kruger is one of the premier game-watching destinations in the world. Approximately 148 mammal species occur in the park.
- It is possible to see all the classical African big game, including elephant, black and white rhino, hippopotamus, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, warthog and many antelope species.
- Large carnivores include lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and spotted hyena, but there are also many smaller, equally enticing mammal species.

Accommodation

Kruger National Park's accommodation is rustic and gives that back-to-nature feeling. There are very few comforts (i.e. no room service, telephones or televisions) in the units, in order for guests to hear the sounds of wild animals at night. Accommodation types on offer give a choice to suit all types of budgets and needs. Televisions are available in selected units such as guest houses and luxury bungalows.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Accommodation facilities in Kruger are grouped in camps scattered throughout the park. Camps are surrounded by electric fences for guests' safety. Main camps are linked by tar roads but most roads (tar and gravel) are accessible by normal sedan vehicles. Most first-time visitors choose one of the 12 main camps for their stay as these camps have restaurants, shops, fuel stations and other facilities.

After getting to know the park better, guests often choose other more rustic self-catering camps like the bushveld camps for their exclusivity.

The Kruger National Park boasts 12 main rest camps, five bushveld camps, two bush lodges, five satellite camps and two sleepover hides – a total of more than 4 500 beds.

Kruger is one of the world's most popular public entry game parks with more than one million visitors per year.

BUNGALOW

Single bedroom units with a bathroom and a choice of communal kitchen, or basic kitchenette. Bungalows with perimeter or river views can be reserved, while others have been upgraded to luxury status.

Berg-en-Dal, Crocodile Bridge, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Malelane, Mopani, Olifants, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria, Satara, Shingwedzi, Skukuza

CAMPING

Sites for caravans or tents; most have power (except Balule, Tsendze and some at Punda Maria and Pretoriuskop). Sites at Lower Sabie have designated boundaries and their own water taps.

Balule, Berg-en-Dal, Crocodile Bridge, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Malelane, Maroela, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria, Satara, Shingwedzi, Skukuza, Tsendze

FAMILY COTTAGE

Multiple bedroom units with a living room, bathroom and kitchen.

Berg-en-Dal, Letaba, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria, Skukuza

BUSH LODGE

Exclusive, private lodges where access is restricted to residents. A bush lodge must be reserved in totality. Bush lodges have no reception offices, shops or restaurant facilities.

Boulders, Roodewal

COTTAGE

Single bedroom units with living room, bathroom and kitchen.

Biyamiti, Mopani, Shimuwini, Shingwedzi, Sirheni, Talamati.

GUEST COTTAGE

Multiple bedroom units with at least two bathrooms of which one is en suite, as well as a fully equipped kitchen.

Bateleur, Biyamiti, Lower Sabie, Letaba, Mopani, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Satara, Shimuwini, Sirheni, Skukuza, Talamati

GUEST HOUSE

Multiple bedroom and bathroom units with lounge area and often with bar facility and exclusive views.

Berg-en-Dal, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Mopani, Olifants, Pretoriuskop, Satara, Shingwedzi, Skukuza

Book Online

www.sanparks.org/bookings
or send an email to
reservations@sanparks.org

HUT

Single room units with communal kitchen and communal ablution facilities.

Balule, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Shingwedzi

SAFARI TENT

Canvas walled bedrooms on permanent platforms. Choose between communal facilities or fully equipped with kitchen and bathroom and more luxurious trimmings.

Crocodile Bridge, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Punda Maria, Skukuza, Tamboti

SLEEPOVER HIDES

A bird hide by day, this unique overnight experience is exclusively available for guests from half an hour prior to gate closing times. A sleepover hide must be reserved in entirety and must be vacated half an hour after gate opening times.

Sable Hide – guests check in at Phalaborwa Gate,

Shipandane Hide – guests check in at Mopani Rest Camp

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The Kruger National Park offers superb conferencing, accommodation and facilities that will deliver your message, in the amazing surroundings of South Africa's natural heritage.

The Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre is a new addition to Skukuza Rest Camp, situated in the southern part of the renowned Kruger National Park.

The 500-seater conference centre was completed in 2010 and is equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment and translation booth, making it suitable to host any high powered multilingual conference.

The centre's 690 m^2 floor space and 5 m ceiling height make it suitable for other uses that include product launches and exhibitions.

Skukuza Rest Camp has ample accommodation to house delegates and offers a wide variety of activities and facilities to spice up the conferencing experience.

Other conference facilities are available in Berg-en-Dal and Mopani.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSIONS)

- Camp Shawu
- Camp Shonga
- Hamilton's Tented Camp
- Hoyo-Hoyo Tsonga Lodge
- Imbali Safari Lodge
- Jock Safari Lodge
- Lukimbi Safari Lodge
- Rhino Walking Safaris
- Shishangeni Private Lodge
- Singita Lebombo Lodge
- Singita Sweni Lodge
- Lion Sands – Tinga Lodge
- Lion Sands – Narina Lodge

YOUTH OR SCHOOL GROUPS ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for youth or school groups is available at Pretoriuskop (accommodates 60 persons) and Skukuza (accommodates 64 persons). The age limit in the youth accommodation is 17 years and younger. A minimum of 25 persons are required in order to qualify for the use of the youth accommodation. Bedding is provided and guests make use of a communal kitchen and ablutions.

The youth accommodation can be booked through travel trade at +27 12 426 5025 or email traveltrade@sanparks.org

WILDERNESS TRAILS

The wilderness trails provide accommodation, meals and guided bush walks. The trails start on either Wednesday or Sunday afternoon and last for three nights, with two days in between spent walking from a hutted base camp. Overnight wilderness trails allow adventurous visitors a close, personal encounter with nature by traversing large areas of unspoilt wilderness on foot to share the ground with game like lion, elephant, zebra and giraffe. The wilderness trails are Wolhuter, Bushman, Metsi-Metsi, Napi, Nyalaland, Olifants and Sweni. All can be booked at Central Reservations.

BACKPACK TRAILS

The backpacking trails stretch over four days and three nights with departures every Wednesday and Sunday. The trails cover about 42 km. The trails have no overnight huts and no prescribed route is followed. The hikers must be self-sufficient; carrying their own tents, sleeping bags, food, gas stoves, etc. A reasonable level of fitness is required.

- **Olifants Backpack Trail** runs from April to end of October and commences at Olifants Camp. It is conducted mainly in the wilderness area along the banks of the Olifants River.
- **Mphongolo Backpack Trail** runs from February to end November and commences at Shingwedzi camp. It is conducted in the large wilderness area between the Shingwedzi and Mphongolo rivers.
- **Lonely Bull Backpack Trail** runs from February to end October and starts from Shimuwini Camp. It is conducted in the large wilderness area between the Letaba low water bridge and Mingerhout Dam along the Letaba River.

4X4 ECO TRAILS

- **Lebombo Eco Trail** is a guided ±500km overland trail that follows the eastern boundary of Kruger National Park along the Lebombo Hills. It commences at Crocodile Bridge in the south to end at Pafuri in the north. The trails operates from April to October and starts on a Sunday and ends on Thursday. A maximum of five vehicles and four passengers per vehicle are allowed. All vehicles must be self-sufficient and fully equipped with own camping and cooking equipment. Bookings through Central Reservations.
- **Malopeni Eco Trail** is a one-night guided adventure trail that runs throughout the year. It starts at Phalaborwa gate to end at Letaba River and provides access to remote areas. A maximum of five vehicles and four passengers per vehicle are allowed. All vehicles must be self-sufficient and fully equipped with own camping and cooking equipment. Bookings through Central Reservations.
- **Mafunyane Overland Eco-Trail** is a four-day (three-night) adventure activity from Phalaborwa Gate to the Luvuvu River/Punda Maria area. The route covers a distance of 280km. All participants are required to drive their own vehicles with the following: water, firewood, essential camping equipment and food. The trail is led by knowledgeable guides.
- **Mananga 4x4 Adventure Trail** is a self-drive 48 km, non-guided day trail that starts from Satara and takes you deep into the knob thorn/marula savanna where you will encounter the Big Five. It can only be booked at the Satara reception desk.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Olifants Mountain Bike Trail** is a guided trail of three to four hours, offered morning and afternoon from Olifants Camp. The mountain bike, helmet, backpack, snacks and juice are supplied. Full-day trails for a maximum of six participants can be arranged. A reasonable level of fitness is required.
- **Bush braais and breakfasts** are available in most main rest camps – enquire at reception desk. The experience combines game viewing to and from a special site in the bush with a dining experience and cash bar.
- **Guided bush walks** are guided by two armed field guides and are offered from most Kruger camps. The morning and afternoon walks last three to four hours. Up to eight guests are taken out of the camp's boundaries to explore surrounding wilderness areas on foot.
- **Game drives** are available from all main Kruger camps and some entrance gates. The guided drives last up to three hours and are offered in the morning, at sunset and at night. An all-day game drive can also be arranged at selected camps.
- **Skukuza Golf Course** dares you to play a round on an unfenced nine-hole (18-tee) course in the heart of Big Five country where uninvited spectators include impala, warthog and hippo to mention a few. For golf enquiries, contact the club at +27 13 735 5543.
- **Picnic spots** are set aside in most main rest camps for picnics and day visitors. There are also numerous picnic sites along main roads from the south to the north of Kruger. Some picnic sites have a small snack/curio shop. Gas skottels (mobile frying pans on stands) can be hired for a nominal fee.

DAY VISITORS

- All main rest camps have day visitors area inside or near the rest camp. At the picnic spots visitors can (for a nominal fee) hire skottels (outdoor elevated frying pans) to cook meals on.
- Camps with day visitors areas located inside: Berg-en-Dal, Crocodile Bridge, Lower Sabie, Mopani, Olifants, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria and Shingwedzi
- Camps with day visitors areas located outside: Letaba, Orpen, Satara and Skukuza
- There is a maximum threshold of vehicles that can enter the park daily. If this threshold is reached, only visitors with pre-booked overnight accommodation will be permitted access. Such situations tend to arise only in extreme cases such as public holidays and long weekends.

Travel / How to get there

The maximum speed limit of 50 km/h on tar and 40 km/h on gravel roads mean that travelling times within the park are considerably longer than outside the park. Take note of all the rules and regulations as displayed on the entrance permit pamphlet and on the brown information boards as you enter Kruger. Should you be found in contravention of these rules, you may be liable for a fine. Remain inside your vehicle and remember to consult the game-spotting board near reception offices to enhance your game-viewing opportunities.

Visitors to the park should take into consideration the distances to and from Kruger and bear in mind they have to arrive at the camp of their choice before gate closing times. Gates close at the following times:

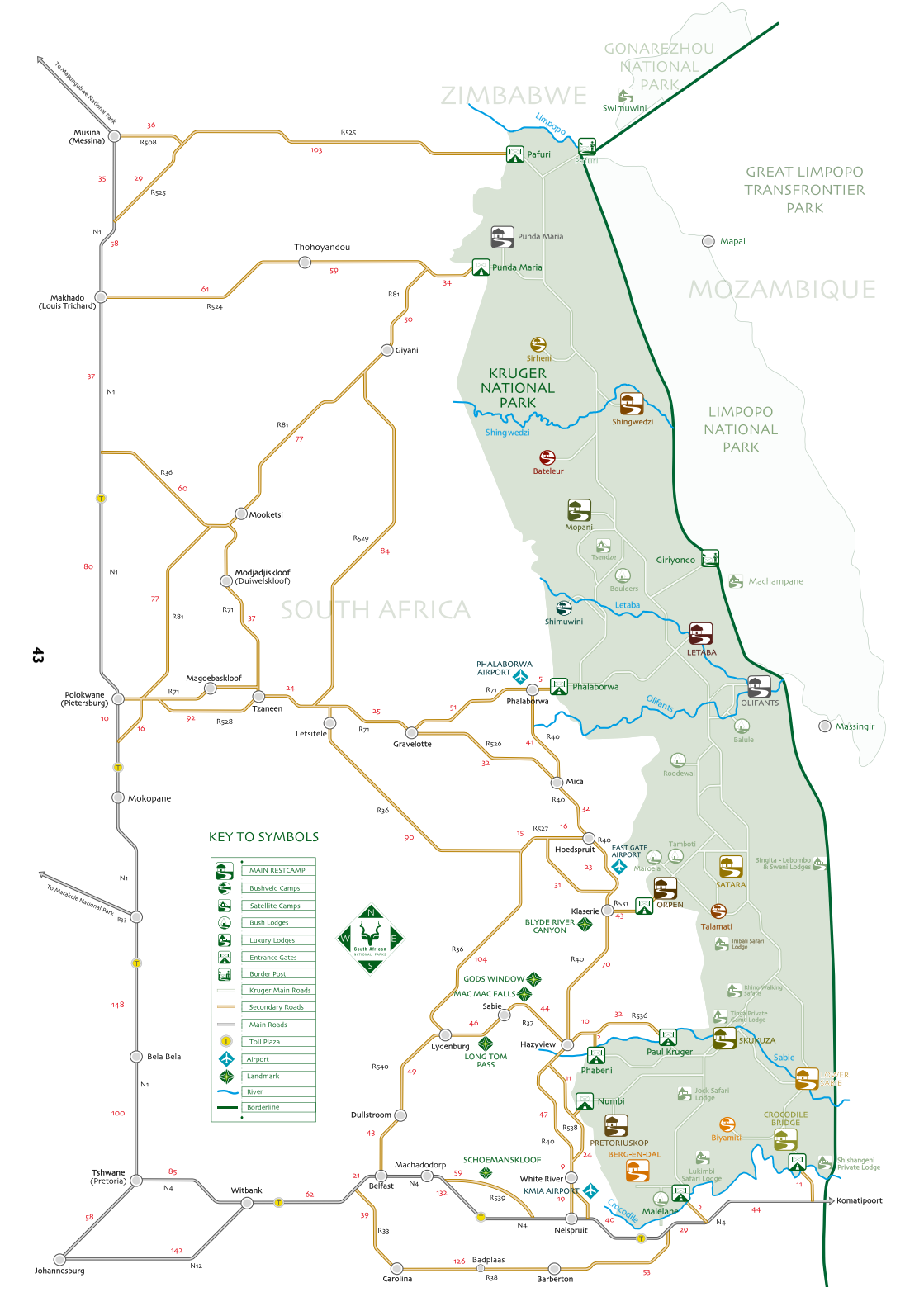
18:00 August to October

18:30 November to February

18:00 March to April

17:30 May to July

Give yourself time to enjoy the natural beauty of Kruger.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BLYDE RIVER CANYON
Talamati
Imbali Safari Lodge
Rhino Walking Safaris
Timbavati Private Game Lodge
SKUKUZA
Paul Kruger
Sabie
Phabeni
Numbi
Jock Safari Lodge
CROCODILE BRIDGE
Biyamiti
Lukimbi Safari Lodge
Shishangeni Private Lodge
Bela Bela
GODS WINDOW
MAC MAC FALLS
Sabie
Lydenburg
LONG TOM PASS
Hazyview
Dullstroom
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BERG-EN-DAL
Tshwane (Pretoria)
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Machadodorp
Belfast
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Barberton
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Bushveld Camps
Satellite Camps
Bush Lodges
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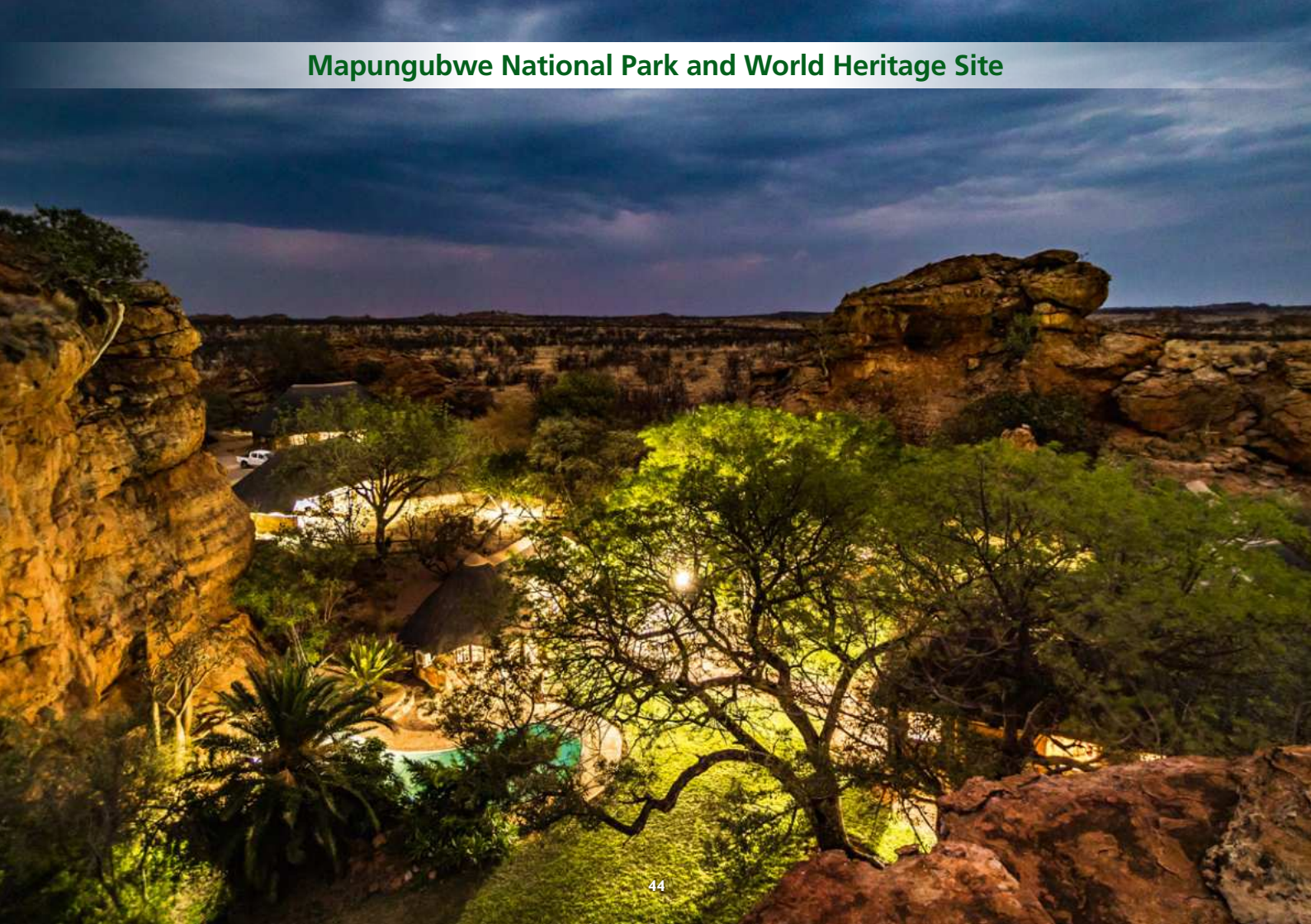
Mapungubwe National Park and World Heritage Site



Background

The wealth of Mapungubwe was realised in the 1930s when valuable artefacts were found on the sacred hill. Further archaeological work revealed the extensive historical importance of the wider region. The Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape was declared a national heritage site in December 2001, and listed as a World Heritage Site in July 2003.

Special features / Things to seek

- The Lost City

Visitors must experience Mapungubwe Hill, where a far developed African civilisation prospered between AD 1200 and 1270. A growing Iron Age community already inhabited this area since AD 900, and became rich by means of trade with foreign civilisations like Egypt, India and China. It's here where archaeologists unearthed the famous golden rhino and other evidence of a wealthy African kingdom.

Activities

- Cafe
- Curio shop
- Picnic facilities
- Swimming pool (overnight only)
- Maloutswa Bird Hide
- Treetop boardwalk
- Rides
- Interpretation centre
- Lookout point

Wildlife

Elephant
Lion
Leopard
Spotted hyena
Giraffe
Rhino
Eland
Zebra
Blue wildebeest

Birds

(400 species)
Kori Bustard
Tropical Boubou
Pel's Fishing-owl
Verreaux's Eagle
Blue Waxbill
Thickbilled Cuckoo

Trees & Plants

Giant baobab
Mashatu tree
Riverine forest
Ana tree
Leadwood tree
Fig tree
Acacias

Accommodation

Vhembe Bush Camp

The Vhembe Bush Camp is about 14 km from the main gate. The camp is situated on the eastern side of the park on the sandstone rocks not 5 km away from the mighty Limpopo River. The units are made of canvas and wooded plank on the sides, wooden floors and thatch roofs with netted windows. There are four cabins, each with a braai stand, as well as a communal kitchen. Altogether the camp can accommodate eight people per night.

Leokwe Rest Camp

This is Mapungubwe's main camp, located in the eastern section of the park in the spectacular sandstone hills. Close to the camp guests can enjoy the Treetop Hide and the Confluence View Site and Picnic Area. The camp itself has a swimming pool and sundeck, as well as a central braai area.

Limpopo Forest Tented Camp

This camp, situated in the Limpopo riverine forest which offers excellent birding, is located in the western section of the park. The camp has a swimming pool and is close to Maloutswa Bird Hide and the Mopani Loop Drive 4x4.

Mazhou Camping Site

The Mazhou Camping Site in Mapungubwe National Park is situated close to Limpopo Forest Tented Camp in the western section of the park. It caters for 10 caravans or tents, and each camping site is equipped with a power point.

Guests intending to stay over at Mazhou Camping Site check in at the Mapungubwe Main Gate.

Tshugulu Lodge

The lodge sleeps 12 people in six bedrooms, making it a unique retreat for intimate groups of people who enjoy gathering around the campfire to share stories.

Added amenities include a swimming pool, a fully equipped kitchen, and an exclusive eco-trail.

Travel / How to get there

The park is situated about 480 km north of Pretoria.

The park can be accessed via the N1 North to Polokwane, and then following the R521 to Dendron/Pontdrift. From here, simply follow the signs to the main entrance gate.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/mapungubwe/

Marakele National Park

Wildlife
Elephant
Buffalo
Cheetah
Brown hyena
Lion
Eland

Birds
Cape Vulture
Shaft-tailed Whydah
Cape Rock Thrush
Buff Streaked Chat
Mocking Cliff-Chat
Cape Bunting
Malachite Sunbird

Trees & Plants
Transvaal beechwood
Proteas
Stemfruit
Silver cluster-leaf
Sicklebush
Round-leaved teak

Background

One of the younger national parks in South Africa, Marakele was initiated in 1986 when the State purchased a nucleus of five farms totalling about 15 000 ha. The park was initially proclaimed in 1994 as the Kransberg National Park, and has since grown to about 90 000 ha. It is still in a phase of considerable expansion.

Accommodation

- **Bontle Rest Camp**

It's no coincidence that bontle means 'beautiful' in Setswana. This pleasant rest camp consists of 36 campsites with power points, arranged into three clusters with one communal ablution block per cluster.

It also has 10 tented units for those who would prefer a permanent structure to putting up a tent and camping. All these units have a private veranda and are self-catering with its own fully equipped kitchen and outdoor braai stand. The rest camp, with its unobstructed views of the unspoiled bush and mountain, is located in close proximity to the park's main entrance gate.

- **Tlopi Tented Camp**

The camp has 10 furnished tented units overlooking the banks of the Apiesrivierpoort Dam. Each tent has two beds (two stretchers are available which are more suitable for children), private bathroom, and a fully equipped kitchen with a fridge/freezer, two-plate stove and electricity. Each tent has a veranda with table and deck chairs and braai facilities.

- **Motswere Guest Cottage**

The cottage is situated 27 km from the main gate, has four bedrooms and can accommodate a maximum of eight persons. It has a fully equipped kitchen, braai facilities and is equipped with fine furnishings for guests' comfort.

- **Thutong Environmental Learning Centre**

This learning centre is ideal for school groups participating in SANParks Environmental Education Programme or their own programme. It accommodates a maximum of 140 persons and can be booked directly with the park.

- **Luxury accommodation (Concession)**

Marataba Safari Company

Activities

- Birdwatching
- Sunset drives and morning drives
- Game viewing
- Morning bush walks
- Mountain pass up to an incredible view and proximity to the vulture colony
- 4x4 Eco-trail

Special features / Things to seek

- A narrow tar road takes visitors up to the top of the Waterberg massif. The views and scenery are spectacular.
- You are in the proximity of the vulture colony and these large birds will soar at close quarters.
- Explore the Waterberg Mountain's untrammelled land. The Marakele 4x4 Eco Trail is a three-day (two nights) outdoor adventure spanning the wilderness/primitive zone of Marakele National Park, which is the core of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.

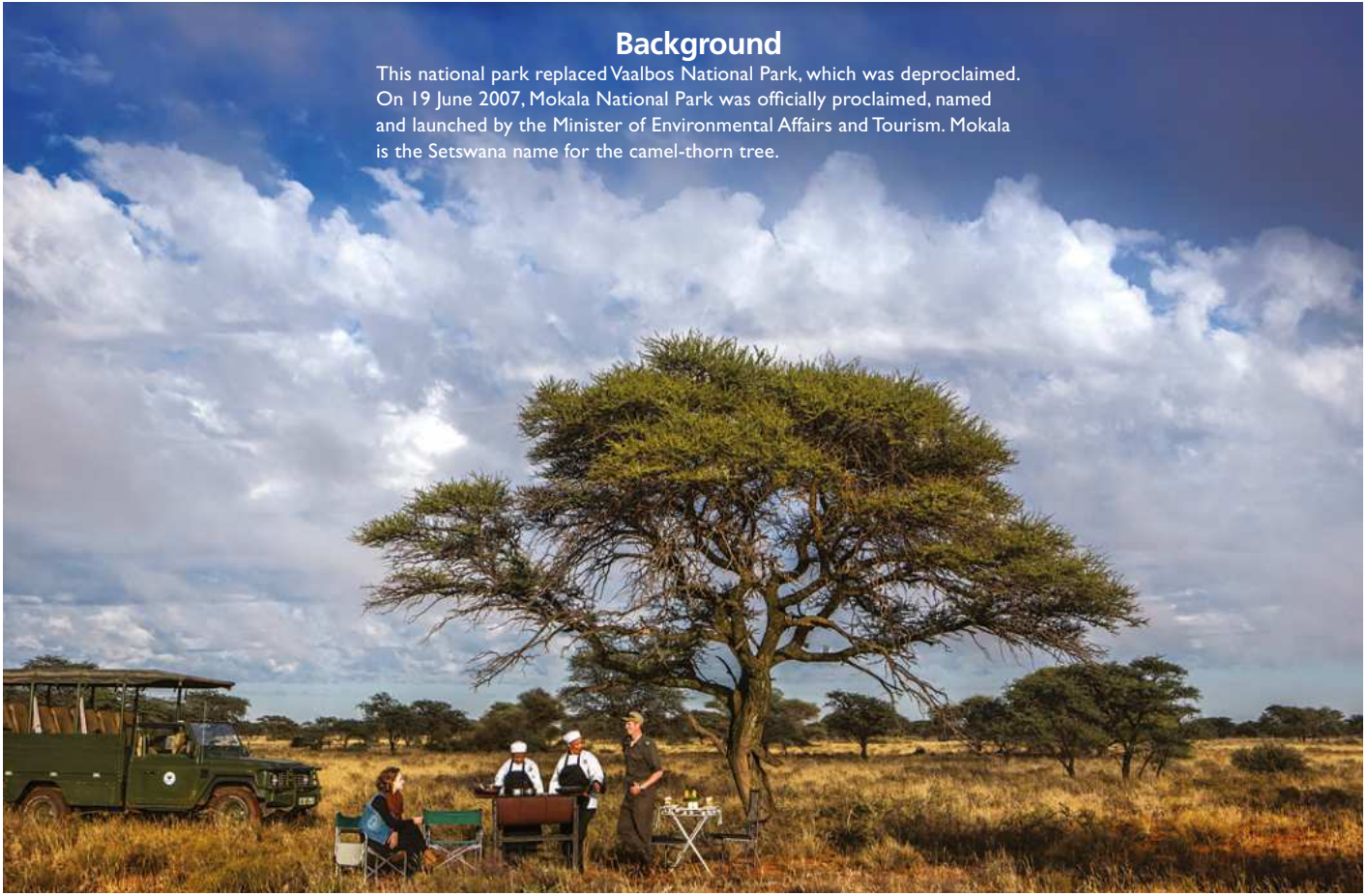
  Called the 'wilderness experience on wheels', the trail follows management tracks on the eastern boundary of Marakele National Park on top of the Waterberg Mountains. Experienced, professional guides act as trail leaders and will interpret the various ecozones the trail crosses, at regular intervals.

Travel / How to get there

The park is situated in the Waterberg mountain range in Limpopo Province (formerly the Northern Province) near Thabazimbi, approximately 250 km north of Johannesburg, in a malaria-free area. Travellers can choose between two routes. Take the N1 to Warmbaths and from there follow the R516 via Mabula and Leeupoort to Thabazimbi. Or travel to Brits and follow the R511 via Beestekraal to Thabazimbi. Due to a road upgrade, most of the park's roads are accessible by all vehicle types.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/marakele/

Mokala National Park



Background

This national park replaced Vaalbos National Park, which was deproclaimed. On 19 June 2007, Mokala National Park was officially proclaimed, named and launched by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. Mokala is the Setswana name for the camel-thorn tree.

Accommodation

There are three lodges in the park: Mosu, Mofele and Lilydale. They all have superb facilities for conferences, weddings, team-building events or workshops. Each conference venue can seat 30 delegates in boardroom style or up to 40 to 120 delegates in theatre style.

- **Mosu Lodge** Mosu Lodge has a combination of luxury and self-catering units. Some of the units have double or two single beds and a sleeper couch. The self-catering units have a fully equipped kitchen, thatched gazebo, braai area, fireplace, air conditioner, ceiling fan and DStv. All residents have access to a stunning pool, full bar and restaurant that specialises in venison dishes.

- **Mofele Lodge** Set in extensive rolling lawns, Mofele Lodge is ideal for school/youth or budget group bookings of up to 60 people. It has nine bedrooms with six to 10 bunk beds per room. Other facilities include conference and catering facilities.

- **Lilydale Lodge** This lodge has 12 self-catering chalets with air-conditioning, sleeping between two and five guests each. Each chalet has a fully equipped kitchen and an outside braai area. Other facilities include a swimming pool, bar, restaurant and conference facilities. Fly-fishing (catch-and-release only) and canoeing can be organised in the Lilydale section of the park. Visitors that are booked at Lilydale don't need to go to Mosu, they may proceed directly to Lilydale. There is a road running through the park that connects the two sections.

- **Haak-En-Steek** This small rustic camp overlooks a waterhole and has one family cottage that accommodates four guests. It has a fully equipped kitchen and braai facility. There is no electricity but solar lighting. The adjacent campsites can be utilised as part of the family cottage booking.

- **Motswedi Camp Site** Motswedi is a luxury campsite overlooking a waterhole and comprising six sites with their own kitchen and ablution facilities. There is no electricity but solar lighting.

- **Kameeldoring Treehouse** Fully equipped romantic hideaway for two, with self-catering facilities and a solar system for a warm shower and lights.

Wildlife

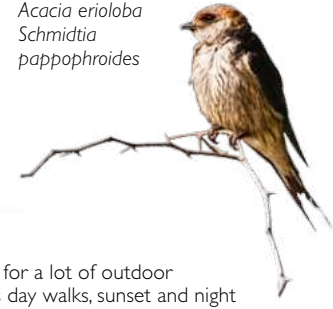
Buffalo
Giraffe
Gemsbok
Zebra
Red hartebeest
Springbok
Tsessebe
Roan antelope

Birds

Black-chested Prinia
Rufous-eared Warbler
Freckled Nightjar
Short-toed Rock Thrush
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Trees & Plants

Acacia tortilis
Rhigozum obovatum
Acacia erioloba
Schmidtia pappophroides



Activities

- This new park presents brand new opportunities for a lot of outdoor adventure. A number of exciting activities such as day walks, sunset and night drives and bush braais and bush breakfasts are available.
- Rock art painting and engraving excursions are offered, as well as recently introduced 4x4 routes for the off-road enthusiast. The Mellifera loop is 4.5 km and the Merakeng loop is 3 km.

Special features / Things to seek

- Black rhino, white rhino
- Black wildebeest
- Cape buffalo
- Indigenous plant species

Travel / How to get there

Situated approximately 80 km south-southwest of Kimberley, west of the N12 freeway to Cape Town. The closet airport is Kimberley International, where car rental services are available

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/mokala/

Mountain Zebra National Park

Wildlife
Cape mountain zebra
Cheetah
Lion
Cape buffalo
Eland

Birds
Stanley's Bustard
Verraux's (Black) Eagle
Martial Eagle
Secretary Bird
Blue Crane

Trees & Plants
Cabbage tree
Sweet thorn tree
Wild olive
White stinkwood
Shepherd's tree

Background

The Mountain Zebra National Park, located near Cradock in the Eastern Cape, was proclaimed in 1937 for the purpose of protecting a remnant population of the Cape mountain zebra. The species was almost on the verge of extinction, with only 100 in existence in 1937. Recent expansion to over 28 000 ha has allowed the zebra population to increase to over 750 animals. Cheetah were introduced in 2007, becoming the first large predators to roam the park in over 100 years, and lions were introduced in 2013, fulfilling an important role of mega predator in the ecosystem.

Activities

- Self-drive game viewing
- Guided morning, sunset and night game drives
- Cheetah tracking
- Guided morning walks
- Guided visit to San cave painting
- Salpeterkop Hike to view Anglo-Boer war relic
- Picnic sites, with swimming pool
- Three self-drive 4x4 trails
- Conference room for small groups

Special features / Things to seek

- Visitors often spot some of the rarer wildlife species such as aardwolf and bat-eared fox.
- Get up close to the cheetahs with cheetah tracking.
- Visit the chessboard that the British soldiers created on the top of Salpeterkop on the Salpeterkop Hike.
- Take a guided trip to see ancient Bushmen paintings.
- Birders will enjoy specials such as the Ground Woodpecker, Blue Korhaan and Verraux's and Martial eagles.

Travel / How to get there

The park is situated about 12 km from the town of Cradock in the Eastern Cape. Cradock is accessible via the N10 highway and the park is situated on the R61 between Cradock and Graaff-Reinet. There are signposts within the town of Cradock which direct visitors to the park.

Accommodation

Family cottages, rock chalets, cottages and a beautiful campsite can be found in the main rest camp while the Doornhoek Guesthouse and two mountain cottages are situated further into the park, in more rugged terrain.

Mountain Zebra Main Rest Camp

The camp offers 19 four-sleeper, two-bedroom self-catering family cottages that are fully equipped with comfortable furnishings. Other facilities available to guests include a restaurant, swimming pool, curio shop, fuel station and conference facility that can accommodate up to 30 people. There are 25 camping and caravan sites available and all have power points. They share a communal kitchen, laundry and ablution facilities. Two rock chalets, providing a spectacular view, have two double en-suite bedrooms (sleeps four) and a splash pool. Six one-bedroom cottages are available (sleeps two). Two family cottages and one cottage have been adapted to be accessible to the mobility challenged.

Doornhoek Guest House

This four-star guest house is located on a mountain side with stunning views of the seasonal lake below. The Victorian farmstead can accommodate six people in three en-suite bedrooms.

Mountain Cottages

These two secluded cottages are an ideal getaway to experience the tranquil Karoo atmosphere. The cottages can be accessed only by 4x4 or high-clearance vehicles. Both units provide accommodation for four people in two bedrooms plus six people in a 'hikers' bedroom where own bedding must be provided for bunkbeds. The cottages have a fully equipped kitchen, no electricity, but solar lights and gas-powered appliances.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/mountain_zebra/

Namaqua National Park

Background

The park was established in 1988 when SANParks took over management of the 900 ha Skilpad Wildflower Reserve. Since then the park has expanded to 150 000 ha, with more land to be added in the coming years. Namaqua National Park was formally declared on 29 June 2002, and in 2008 the Groen-Spoeg River section was incorporated. The park is one of three biodiversity hotspots in South Africa.

Accommodation

Skilpad Rest Camp

Skilpad Rest Camp provides four chalets, each with two single beds and a sleeper couch in the living room. The units have a fully equipped kitchen with outside braai area. Other activities available from the camp are mountain biking (bring own bikes) and 4x4 eco-trails. There is a short walking trail around the chalets for chalet residents only – especially beautiful during flower season. Skilpad Rest Camp can be accessed by normal sedan but to explore the rest of the park a 4x4 vehicle is strictly recommended.

Luiperdskloof Guest Cottage

Accessible by 4x4 vehicle only and is located in the Kamiesberg section of the park. The cottage has no electricity but a gas stove and a gas freezer/fridge. Candles and matches are provided. It offers three bedrooms: one bedroom with double bed, two bedrooms with two three-quarter beds each. Bedding is provided. One bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. There is a fireplace in the lounge and a braai area outside.

Namaqua Coastal Camping

There are nine camping areas along the Namaqua coastline and all sites have no electricity and no ablution facilities but enviro ablutions and braai areas. The campsites are: Bamboeskamp four sites, Bouldersbaai six sites, Delwerskamp seven sites, Groenriviermond 12 sites, Koringkorrelbaai five sites, Kwass se Baai four sites, Skuinsbaai Noord one site, Skuinsklip two sites and Varswater four sites.

Special features / Things to seek

- Wild flowers (in season)
- Quiver trees
- Klipspringer
- Black Harrier
- Quartz patches

Activities

- Picnic sites
- Circular drive (5 km) with viewpoints during flower season
- Heavyside Dolphin Trail, 8-10 km along coast
- Korhaan and Skilpad hiking trails in Skilpad section
- Coastal section offers two bird hides, boardwalks, lookout point and Horizon game loop
- Caracal 4x4 Eco route
- 153 km of roads of spectacular scenery, from the Kamiesberg to the breathtaking West Coast

Wildlife

African wild cat
Aardwolf
Steenbok
Cape fox
Grey duiker
Small-spotted genet
Aardvark

Birds

Cinnamon-breasted Warbler
Cape Long-billed Lark
Karoo Lark
Black-headed Canary
Cape Bulbul
Black Harrier

Trees & Plants

Crassula
Adromischus
Pelargonium
Stapeliands
Cotyledon

Travel / How to get there

It is situated some 495 km from Cape Town off the N7 route to Namibia. The closest town is Kamieskroon, which lies 21 km east of the reserve and park offices. Guests staying at the coastal campsites must book in at the Groenrivier Office, accessible via Garies.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/namaqua/

Table Mountain National Park

Background

Table Mountain National Park was established in 1998 to protect the environment of the Table Mountain chain on the incredibly scenic Cape Peninsula. The park stretches from Signal Hill in the north to Cape Point in the south and also encompasses the dramatic seas and rugged coastline of the peninsula. It is home to incredible fauna and flora and a whole host of spots to explore.

Special features / Things to seek

- Boulders Penguin Colony
- Silvermine
- The Cape of Good Hope (Cape Point)
- Table Mountain
- Signal Hill and Lion's Head
- Oudekraal

Accommodation

- **Overseer's Cottage**

This uniquely positioned cottage with its incredible views is situated right on top of the mountain (see picture above), a moderate 2 to 2.5 hours' walk from Constantia Nek. The fully equipped self-catering cottage and adjoining annex sleep a total of 16 people.

- **Olifantsbos Cottage**

One of the most magnificent getaways in Cape Town. This isolated cottage is situated right on the beach in the heart of the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the park. The fully equipped self-catering cottage sleeps six and the adjoining annex sleeps a further six people.

- **Eland and Duiker Cottages**

These cottages are also situated in the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the park, but further inland than Olifantsbos Cottage. Each self-catering cottage is fully equipped to accommodate six people.

Wildlife
Angulate tortoise
Klipspringer
Grysbok
Common duiker

Birds
Karoo Prinia
Cape Sugarbird
Orange-breasted Sunbird

Trees & Plants
Proteas
Ericas
Restios
Geophytes

Platteklip Wash House
This historic house is situated at the foot of Table Mountain in Upper Vredehoek. It sleeps 24 people and is a popular venue for small weddings, celebrations and conferences.

Hoerikwaggo Tented Camps
The three Hoerikwaggo Tented Camps within Table Mountain National Park are situated in picturesque natural surroundings and each offers a unique experience: forest, fynbos, sea and mountain. Each camp sleeps 12 people and offers secure parking, hot water, comfy beds, fully equipped communal dining/ kitchen areas and bathrooms.

Slangkop Tented Camp – overlook the beach
Nestled in indigenous milkwoods, no more than 100 m from the sea, this tented camp is the perfect location to watch the sun sinking into the Atlantic Ocean.

- **Orange Kloof Tented Camp – sleep within an ancient forest**
Overnight in a picturesque tented camp, set in the ancient Afromontane forest of Orange Kloof. Enjoy the overwhelming silence of this unspoilt, restricted-access forest.

- **Smitswinkel Tented Camp – get to the 'point'**
Located across the road from the entrance to Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point, this tented camp is perfectly located to enjoy visits to the penguin colony at Boulders and the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the Park. These are the only tents with en-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes.

- **Luxury accommodation (Concession)**
Tintswalo Atlantic Lodge

Activities

- Overnight trails
- Hiking
- Surfing/wind surfing
- Rock/sport climbing
- Dog walking
- Scuba diving
- Fishing/extractive diving
- Mountain biking
- Picnic/braai
- Hang-/paragliding

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/

Tankwa Karoo National Park

Background

Just a four-hour drive from Cape Town brings you to the ideal destination for those seeking the brightest stars in Africa, a once-in-a-lifetime glimpse of a rare endemic bird, or perhaps nothing more than a silence that reaches deep into the soul. Named after the Tankwa River that runs through it as the main provider in an otherwise semi-desert area, the park was proclaimed in 1986. Since then high biodiversity land was added by SANParks to increase the conservation area from the original 26 000 ha to nearly 138 000 ha. The true meaning of the word 'Tankwa' is unknown, but is said to be 'Turbid Water', 'Place of the San' or 'Thirstland', all of which fits this spectacular park.

Wildlife

Gemsbok
Springbok
Leopard
Cape mountain zebra
Black-backed jackal
Striped polecat
Red hartebeest
Klipspringer

Birds

Verreaux's Eagle
Black-headed Canary
Black-throated Canary
Snake Eagle
Cape Bunting
Bokmakierie
Burchell's Courser
Cape Francolin

Trees & Plants

Doringkapok
Wolwedoring
Geelbietou
Bitterghaap
Dikbasmalva
Karee Boom
Soetdoring
Bruin Melkbos

Special features / Things to seek

- Situated within an internationally recognised Biodiversity Hotspot, Tankwa will speak to the mind of everyone serious about conserving our heritage for future generations. Unique features are vegetation combined with mind-blowing landscapes; from the sheer cliffs of the Tankwa Desert, you will experience nature in its ever-changing state!
- The 1 000 ha Oudebaaskraal Dam adds another perspective to the word 'desert'. Magnificent sunrises with various bird species will make your early morning an experience to remember.
- For birders the above-average chance to spot the sought-after Burchell's Courser as well as other Karoo endemics makes a visit well worth it.

Activities

- Self-drives on demarcated roads
- Bikers and cyclists allowed on park roads
- Hiking
- Birdwatching
- 4x4 trail
- Picnic

Travel / How to get there

From Matjiesfontein (N1) take the R354 towards Sutherland for 75 km. Turn left at the Onder-Karoo turnoff, follow road for 31 km and keep left for a further 27 km. Turn right at the T-junction, and follow the P2250 for 25 km.

From Cape Town via Ceres take the R355 towards Calvinia for ±105 km; turn right at Tankwa Karoo National Park sign onto P2250 for 80 km to the office.

From Calvinia take the R355 towards Ceres for 50 km, turn left at Tankwa Karoo National Park ROODEWERF road sign for ±50 km to the office.

Diesel is available in the park but not petrol.

Accommodation

- **Elandsberg Wilderness Camp**

The camp has 10 cottages situated 18 km from the park offices in the Elandsberg hills. Each cottage boasts beautiful views of the Karoo plains and imposing Roggeveld Escarpment. Four cottages can accommodate four people each and one cottage can accommodate six people. Each cottage has a fireplace, braai area, individual splash pool and no electricity. The self-catering kitchen has gas appliances and oil lanterns are used for lighting.

FARM COTTAGES

- **VARSCHFONTEIN COTTAGE** is an old farmstead situated 45 km from the park offices. It has three bedrooms and each has a double bed and one single bed. One bathroom, open-plan kitchen, living room and braai facilities. There is no electricity but gas-powered appliances and paraffin lamps are provided.
- **PAULSHOEK COTTAGE** is situated 5 km from the reception and has beautiful views of the Roggeveld Escarpment. It has two bedrooms and each has a double bed and one single bed. One bathroom, open-plan kitchen, living room and braai facilities. There is no electricity but a donkey boiler for hot water and paraffin lamps.
- **DEZYFER COTTAGE** is an old farmstead situated 2 km from the park reception. It has two bedrooms, each with a double bed. One bathroom, open-plan kitchen, living room and braai facilities. There is no electricity but gas-powered appliances and paraffin lamps are provided.

- **Tanqua Guesthouse Complex**

The guest house complex is situated on the southern boundary of the park and a stone's throw from the Oudebaaskraal Dam. The complex can comfortably accommodate up to 18 guests in four units and has no electricity but makes use of gas appliances and lanterns for lighting. Two units sleep four people, one unit sleeps two people and one unit sleeps eight people. Each unit has its own toilet and shower. The kitchen and living room is shared by guests of all three units. The fourth unit sleeps eight people and has its own kitchen.

- **Camping**

There are two formal campsites and six other designated spots where fully sufficient campers are allowed to camp.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/tankwa/

West Coast National Park

Background

The unique and diverse habitats of the Langebaan Lagoon and its salt marshes and wetlands, the granitic islands of Saldanha Bay with their large breeding populations of seabirds, the varied rocky and sandy shores of the coastal strip, the parabolic coastal dune fields and the terrestrial lowland fynbos communities on calcareous soils all form the current extent – some 32 000 ha – of the West Coast National Park.

Wildlife
Eland
Red hartebeest
Cape grysbok
Caracal
Rock hyrax
Whales
Dolphins

Birds
Sanderling
Little Stint
Ruff
Marsh, Terek and
Curlew sandpiper

Trees & Plants
Kukumakranka

Special features / Things to seek

- Wildflower viewing (August and September)
- Geelbek Information Centre with a replica of Eve's footprints
- The bird hides at Geelbek and Seeberg
- View points
- Cape Gannet – only visible by boat close to Malgas Island
- Preekstoel information centre
- Flamingos
- Langebaan Lagoon
- Waders
- Preekstoel picnic and braai area
- Black Harrier
- Tsaarsbank day visitor site
- Eland
- Houseboats
- Geelbek Restaurant and wedding venue

Activities

- Game viewing from own vehicle
- Flower Trail – Postberg section in August and September
- Hiking trails – overnight and day trails
- Picnic, braai and ablution facilities for day visitors
- Dining at Geelbek Restaurant
- Birdwatching
- Whale watching (September/ October)
- Mountain-biking trail
- Cycling
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Kite surfing and kite boarding

Travel / How to get there

The park is situated some 120 km north of Cape Town along the R27. Access to the park can also be gained via the town of Langebaan. The majority of roads in the park are tarred except for the last section of the road to Postberg flower area, as well as access roads to certain day visitor sites and accommodation.

For more information on this park, visit www.sanparks.org/parks/west_coast/

Accommodation

For a weekend booking, it is compulsory to book a Friday and Saturday.

- **Abrahamskraal Cottage** The cottage is situated near Abrahamskraal waterhole. It offers two bedrooms that sleep six guests. Fully equipped kitchen, no electricity but gas-powered appliances and solar lighting.

- **Jo Anne's Beach Cottage** The cottage is situated within walking distance of the lagoon. It is a fully equipped self-catering cottage that sleeps eight guests. It has no electricity but gas powered appliances and solar lighting.

- **Jo Anne's B Cottage** This self-catering cottage, sleeping four, has recently been renovated. It operates on gas/solar panels (no electricity). The braai area offers scenic views.

- **Geelbek Stables** This dormitory-style accommodation for learners and youth groups can accommodate up to 62 people. It has a fully equipped kitchen but groups must bring own cutlery and crockery, as well as bedding.

- **Steytler Cottage** The self-catering cottage is situated at Geelbek Stables. It accommodates two people and operates with electricity.

- **Van Breda Cottage** Situated at Geelbek Stables, the self-catering cottage accommodates a maximum of six people. The house is fully equipped and has electricity.

- **Houseboats (permanently moored at Kraalbaai)**
Nirvana – a luxurious double-storey, 22-sleeper houseboat with nine bedrooms. It has a fully equipped kitchen and ample deck space for entertainment. *Larus* – a cosy three bedroom, six-sleeper houseboat. It has a fully equipped kitchen with a braai place. For bookings and more information, visit www.kraalbaaihouseboats.co.za. Tel: +27 (0)21 526 0432, email: bookings@kraalbaaihouseboats.co.za.

- **Duinepos** This community run lodge has 11 self-catering chalets. each sleeping up to four people. Each chalet offers two bedrooms, an open plan kitchen, lounge, fire place, shower, toilet and an outdoor braai area. Other facilities include a swimming pool, communal braai and boma area. For bookings and more information, visit www.duinepos.co.za. Tel: +27 (0)22 707 9900, email: info@duinepos.co.za.

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